

Dear Madam or Sir:

Television and radio stations use public airwaves free of charge, and are required by law to serve the public interest. However, the Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear violation of the public trust and good.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Sincerely,

Caroline Johnston